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**URIAN BRERETON, Esq; late Captain of the Regiment of
 Marines, commanded by Major-General Wills.**

THAT Captain *Brereton* hath faithfully served the Government as an Officer in the Army, for these many Years past, and always discharged his Trust with all the Fidelity requir'd of him, as can be sufficiently prov'd by Letters, and otherwife.

THAT for his good Behaviour in the Siege of *Namur*, he was preferr'd to be Captain in the Regiment of *Marines* above-mention'd, then commanded by Colonel *Saunderson*.

THAT after the Conclusion of the Peace of *Ryswick*, the Army being disbanded, he was continued in Half-pay, till the breaking out of this present War, when the Regiment were completed again, in which he used such great Diligence, that his Company was not only full before the time appointed, but that several considerable Draughts were made out of his Company, to complete others in the said Regiment, commanded abroad in the Service.

THAT in the Year 1703, Captain *Brereton* cleared his Company, and embark'd according to the Orders of his late Royal Highness, on board the *Lancaster* Man of War, where he continued all the Summer, till King *Charles* came to *England*, when he was order'd to accompany him to *Portugal*, and thence to *Spain*, during which time he always kept his Company complete, as appears by the Muster-Rolls.

THAT coming on the Coast of *Spain*, in the Year 1704, he landed the greatest part of the Regiment, which he had then the Honour to command, under the Cannon of *Barcelona*, and being the first that went on Shore, he was commanded by the late Prince of *Hesse*, to take Possession of a difficult Post, to facilitate the Landing of the rest of the *Marines*; but not meeting with that Reception there that was expected, we re-embark'd again, and steered our Course to *Altear*, where, by Orders of Sir *George Rooke*, all the *Marines* were set on Shore; and Captain *Brereton* having the Honour to command them in Chief, took the Town and Castle, and blew up the Magazines of the Enemy.

THAT after the Expedition of *Altear*, the *Marines* were order'd on board again, to sail for *Gibraltar*, where they landed, and assist'd at the Reduction of that Place, wherein the Captain had his Share, and in which Town he continued till the Arrival of the Earl of *Peterborow*, when he had leave from the Prince of *Hesse*, who then commanded in Chief, to return to *England*.

THAT after the Captain was embark'd at *Spithead*, he had Information that *Peter Potter*, Agent of the said Regiment, was come to *Portsmouth*; whereupon, the said Captain *Brereton* went on Shore, and demanded the Pay due to him and his Company, from the First of *May*, 1703, to his Return into *England*, and the Two Months Advance, order'd by the Government to be paid at the time of the Embarking; but instead of complying with his just Demands, the said Agent *Potter* being three several times call'd upon by the said Captain, return'd for Answer, He would not pay him One Penny, nor Accompt with him; notwithstanding the said Captain had supply'd his Company, during the time of their being abroad, with great Sums of Money, as plainly appears by the Books of Accompts; and after his Return from the said intended Expedition, and for the want of his Pay and Company's, he was obliged to dispose of his Company, to the utter Ruin of him and his Family.

THAT the Descent into *France* not taking its desir'd Effect, the said Captain being unable to continue in the Service without Money, was forced to come up to *London*, and make his Application to his late Royal Highness, who, in Consideration of his long Services, and the Hardships he had undergone, and for the more easier making up of his Accompts with the said Agent, and for the Recovery of his Health, which was at that time precarious, gave him leave to Dispose.

THAT the said Captain was forced to Petition the Court-Martial appointed for the Examining and Settling that Affair; but that very Day the said Captain was to have been heard before the said Court-Martial, he was arrested in several Actions by the Contrivance of the said Agent *Potter*, and was oblig'd to surrender himself Prisoner, and detain'd by the said Officers several Days in a Spunging-house, to his great Damage; during which time, no Plaintiff appear'd against the said Captain, nor no Bail would be accepted, the Judges being then out of Town; the said Actions were pretended to be at the Suit of some Soldiers who were under the said Captain's Command formerly, and one of them, some time before, deserted to the *French*, and the other a feign'd Name.

THAT the said Captain being thus detained contrary to Law, at last a Proposal was made to the said Captain, that if he would enter into an Award of 3000*l.* with the said Agent *Potter*, who caused the said Actions to be brought, and upon Signing of the said Award of 3000*l.* he should be set at Liberty; which the said Captain was forced to comply with.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly Prays, this Honourable House, to take his hard Case into Consideration, and give him such Relief therein, as to your Honours great Wisdom and Goodness shall seem most meet,

And your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

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THE CASE OF URIAN BRERETON, ESQ.

The case of Urian Brereton, Esq; late Captain of the Regiment of Marines, commanded by Major-General Wills, before the Honourable Court Martial held at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, on the 10th and 11th of November, 1794.

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